

# The Hongkong Telegraph.



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

## Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

### PIANOS

ARE GREATLY INJURED, ESPECIALLY IN A TRYING CLIMATE LIKE THAT OF HONGKONG, by allowing them to drop out of Tune; the great Tension caused by tightening up the strings again being exceedingly trying.

A Good Instrument will probably last Twice as long in Hongkong, if kept constantly in Tune.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having a thoroughly competent Tuner from BROADWOOD & SONS, keep Pianos in Tune and REPAIR at a MODERATE CHARGE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1883. [296]

## Insurances.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33. RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LEI YAT LAU, Esq., LO YEOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq., MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST. Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 120,000.00 PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 640,553.95

### DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman, L. PINCKVOSS, Esq., W. MEYER, Esq., J. M. DAVENANT, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

### HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries. LONDON BRANCH. Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES ON GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN Secretary. HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

## For Sale.

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [434]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO. CHRONOMETER, WATCH, AND CLOCKMAKERS. JEWELLERS, SILVERSMITHS, AND OPTICIANS. CHARTS AND BOOKS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS. Sole Agents for Louis Augustin's Watches, awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, AND SPYGLASSES. No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [447]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOODWILL AND STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P. MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong Hotel. I trust to meet the same Patronage so Liberally Bestowed upon my Predecessor. J. P. MARMANDE. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883.

IN reference to the above the Undersigned having disposed of his BUSINESS, takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks for the Liberal support he has received during the time he has been in Business. W. P. MOORE. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

### NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of GENERAL PRINTERS and BOOKBINDERS hitherto conducted by the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the style or firm of GUEDES & Co. Mr. F. D. GUEDES being the only PARTNER in the Firm. DE SOUZA & Co. Hongkong, 31st January, 1883. [105]

## To be Let.

TO LET, WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

FOUR LARGE ROOMS in Blue Buildings, Wanchai, (opposite the Long Pier) lately occupied by Mr. H. JOYCE. Apply to H. H., Care of Messrs. SAYLE & Co. Hongkong, 29th January, 1883. [103]

### TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET. No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. No. 3, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 17th January, 1883. [7]

### TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had. For Particulars apply to D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel. Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, ARE NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE OFFERS FROM SUITABLE PERSONS FOR A FIVE OR TEN YEARS LEASE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL, AND FURNITURE COMPLETE.

This well known HOTEL is situated in the Queen's Road, Hongkong, within a few yards of the principal landing place in the Colony.

It is a large and commodious building, replete with every modern improvement and convenience. It contains an ELEGANT AND SPACIOUS BAR, A LARGE BILLIARD ROOM, READING ROOM, A DINING HALL to accommodate 170 Persons, FIFTY TWO BED ROOMS, TWO CAPITAL BOWLING ALLEYS, together with all the other necessities of a well appointed Hotel.

It is the only First Class Hotel in the Colony, and is always patronised by a number of permanent boarders, consisting principally of Government Officials, Military and Naval Officers and their Families, &c.

It is at present under a Lease to Messrs. DORAJEE and HING-KEE, which lease expires on the 15th October, 1883.

Applications to be addressed to THE CHAIRMAN, THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED, HONGKONG. Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [34]

### NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR. No. 13, POTTINGER STREET.

A. M. ROBIN. (LATE OF T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA.)

TAILOR, Shirt and Breeches Maker and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges. N.B.—Note the address. THE GOLDEN SCISSOR, No. 13, Pottinger Street. Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [397]

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO. GUNMAKERS & AMMUNITION DEALERS, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Arms, Ammunitions, and Requisites of every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at moderate charges. Sporting Guns and Ammunition always on hand. [9]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE, SPARS AND LUMBER ALWAYS ON HAND. L. MALLORY, Proprietor. Hongkong, 24th Jan., 1883. [459]

## Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO. ARE SHOWING.

### EX. RECENT ARRIVALS.

TINSELLED GRENADINES. LADIES' CHEAP COSTUMES. BROCADED SILKS. MOIRE SILKS. COLOURED SATINS. PLUSH VELVETS. COLOURED FLANNELS. WHITE FLANNELS. DIAPERS AND IRISH LINENS. TORCHON LACES.

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF WHITE AND CREAM LACES. INFANTS' EMBROIDERED CLOAKS. INFANTS' SILK AND SATIN HATS. CHILDRENS' BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE. LADIES' WHITE SATIN SHOES. COLOURED MALTESE BRAIDS. &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [659]

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE VARIETY OF

FRENCH AND ENGLISH TWEEDS

GENTLEMEN'S SUITINGS

CASHMERE AND ANGOLA NOVELTIES

ALL OF WHICH ARE SHIRUNK READY FOR MAKING UP.

GENTLEMEN'S FELT HATS (Christie's) the latest shapes. WHITE AND COLOURED SHIRTS. LINEN COLLARS AND FANCY SCARVES.

GENTLEMEN'S HOSE in great variety. UNDERSHIRTS in Balbriggan, Merino, Cashmere and Lambswool. GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES 2 BUTTONS. UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

DRESS GOODS in CASHMERE, FANCY WOOL AND OTHER TEXTURES. BROCADED GAUZEES AND GRENADINES. CASHMERE EMBROIDERED COSTUMES. BRAIDED JACKETS, CLOTH MANTLES. RICH BROCADED SILKS.

RICH BROCADED SILKS. COLOURED BROCADED SILKS AND MOIRE'S.

LACES, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, SASHES, LACE FISHUS, COLLARS, &c.

LADIES' KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, AND 12 BUTTONS.

FANCY JET GOODS in endless variety.

LADIES' AND GENTS' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS. LADIES' AND CHILDRENS' UNDERCLOTHING. HOSIERY AND CORSETS.

HABERDASHERY, UMBRELLAS, AND SUNSHADES. &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG. [379]

W. B. BREWER.

PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong, I have determined, should a sufficient number Volunteer to Subscribe to it, to form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain that I can form and conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. B. BREWER, QUEEN'S ROAD. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING EX LATE ARRIVALS THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES:—

Electric Repeater Call Bells. Parisian Coffee Making Machines of New Style. Morocco, Russia Leather and Polished Steel Cigarette Cases. Parisian Vases of Majolica and Fine China Ware in elegant designs. Olive, Walnut and Ebony Wood Photo Frames of Assorted designs. Small Fire Proof Cash Boxes in Shape of a Safe with Secret Lock Arrangement. Unframed Oleographs and Chromo Lithographs of Assorted designs and Sceneries. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Card Cases of Morocco and Russia Leather with small Ivory Memo Slate. Fancy Embossed Initial Note Paper and Envelopes, any initial can be had. Fancy Japanese Stationery for Wedding and other Invitations. Endorsement Boxes and Endorsing Blue, Black and Red Ink. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Masks and Dominoes. Clothes, Tooth and Hair Brushes in Assorted Patterns. Ebony Handle Sliding Aluminium Gold Penholders. Hendries, Gonnell's, &c., Perfumery, Soap, &c. Havana Cigars of Assorted Brands. Il Flor del Mondo Cigarettes, Kaiser-Hind Cigarettes, Duchesne Cigarettes, Empress Cigarettes, Princess Cigarettes. All made of pure and choicest Turkish Tobacco. BINOCULARS AND OPERA GLASSES OF BEST MAKE.

S. MEYERS, MANAGER. [728]

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case. PINTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [8]

### TO SPORTSMEN.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST.

OWING TO OWNER LEAVING THE COLONY.

1 Silk-lined RACING SADDLE.

RACING WHIPS with Silver Mounts.

The above which are ALL NEW may be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE and will be sold at BARGAIN.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [15]

## For Sale.

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOLLO LOND FLAX CLOWS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

### SANG LOONG.

No. 9, LINDHURST TERRACE.

DEGS to announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Hongkong that he has FOR SALE at Moderate Prices—LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES. LAWN TENNIS SHOES, HOSIERY, SHIRTS, CLOTHS, &c. &c. ALSO A Variety of CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, &c. Hongkong, 26th January, 1883. [76]

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

JURY LIST—1883.

IN Obedience to Section 4 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1882, I have This Day Posted at the Entrance of the Supreme Court, a LIST of ALL PERSONS liable to serve as JURORS, in Order that the Inhabitants of the Colony, may, as the case may be, apply to me by notice in writing before the 14th day of the present month requiring that their Names or the Names of some Person or Persons, may be respectively either added to, or struck off from the said List. EDW. J. ACKROYD, Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court, 1st February, 1883. [112]

THE LONDON AND SINGAPORE ANTI-FOULING PAINT COMPANY, LIMITED.

(DENNY'S PATENTS.)

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACTS' 1862 to 1880, THE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS BEING LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THEIR SHARES.

APPLICATIONS for SHARES in the above Company will be received by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at Hongkong up to the 15th February instant, inclusive, and by their AGENTS at Shanghai, Amoy, Foochow, Hankow, Ningpo, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Higo, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, and Manila up to the 22nd February, inclusive. For full information respecting the prospectus, Shares, &c. of the above Company, apply to DENNY & MOSSOP, 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Solicitors and Agents in Hongkong. Hongkong, 3rd February, 1883. [116]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at FOUR O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON of TUESDAY, the 20th February, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1882.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 20th inst., both days inclusive. By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [107]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of 5 per cent. or \$3.75 per SHARE, declared at the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS held This Day will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 29th instant. SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants. By Order of the Board of Directors, F. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, 26th January, 1882. [98]

WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER A SITUATION AS OFFICE ASSISTANT OR STORE-KEEPER. Address—

M. E. G. Care of Hongkong Telegraph. Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [19]

F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices. Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. E. CHASTLEY'S SODA WATER FACTORY is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.

IS GUARANTEED.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully Manufactured SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory, 7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE. Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [225]

### Consignees.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "JAPAN"

Captain F. F. Flack, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remaining on board after the 6th inst., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that any claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 10th instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [110]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, OCEANIA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"MEDUSA."

Captain G. Ragusin, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., at DAVLIGHT.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 3rd February, 1883. [77]

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

FRAISSINET & Co.

INDIA AND CHINA LINE.

THE Fine New 1000 A1 Steamship

"STAMBOUL."

Martino, Commander, will sail on or about THURSDAY, the 8th inst., for MARSEILLES, VIA SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, AND PORT SAID; and will leave to call at PENANG and TUTICORIN.

In connection with these Steamers the Company runs a Line from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON, leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly from MARSEILLES to the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE, DUBUKE, MALTA, EGYPTE, CORSICA, ITALY, and the LANGUEDOC, by which through freight may be booked.

The Company has a Forwarding Agency at Paris giving special facilities to Shippers.

The Steamers are Specially Fitted for Passengers.

FIRST-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES.....\$300.

SECOND-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES.....\$240.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1883. [114]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)

THE Steamship

"NELSON."

Captain Thom, will be despatched as above, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, 3rd February, 1883. [117]

## SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"JAMES G. PENDLETON,"

Colcord, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [84]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"HERBERT BLACK,"



## Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.  
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL  
SELECTED STOCK OF  
FANCY CHRISTMAS  
GOODS,COMPRISING:—  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS  
IN GREAT VARIETY.SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.  
FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES  
CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.  
CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.  
IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES  
SCIENTIFIC TOYS.ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S  
PERFUMES.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS,  
AND—  
PERFUMERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &amp;c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor," and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

What the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.  
Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.TO SUBSCRIBERS.  
Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by a notice communicating with the Manager.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1883.

We are glad to observe that the Telephone Exchange in connection with the Oriental Telephone Company, Limited, and under the auspices of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, has at last become *un fait accompli* in Hongkong, having been opened to the public from the 1st instant. It is now such a considerable time since subscribers to establish a Telephone Exchange in this Colony were solicited by the Great Northern Telegraph Company, that we were under the impression the movement had been abandoned, owing to lack of support. However, it appears that the delay in commencing active operations was caused by the local Government having shown considerable hesitation in granting the Company the permission to erect the necessary poles on which to run the wires for this extensive undertaking—a hesitation which is certainly not easily understood when the substantial benefits which the commercial community must derive from the telephone system, are taken into consideration. There has been no delay whatever, so far as the Company is concerned, in commencing active operations, as trained operators and workmen, together with all necessary materials and instruments, have been in readiness for some considerable time past.

We have little doubt, after giving the subject careful consideration, that the Telephone Exchange will in time prove a profitable business to the Company, and a great boon to merchants and the business classes of the Colony generally. At present the number of subscribers is not large—fifteen in all, we believe—but it can hardly be doubted that as soon as the manifold conveniences of this simple and useful invention are thoroughly understood the whole of the business firms in Hongkong will support the movement by becoming subscribers. In Shanghai great success has already attended the venture, the subscribers in that settlement numbering close upon one hundred—a result which must be regarded as eminently satisfactory.

We understand that the Exchange will be worked after the Law system, which is claimed to be a great improvement on the old annunciator system, introduced by Mr. ELWOOD in the first public exchange ever opened, at St. Louis over four years ago. This Law system does away with the necessity of ringing by the subscriber, who has merely to unhook his telephone and give his number to the ever attentive

operator at the Exchange, who will at once carry out any connection desired. The simplicity of the working is everything that could be wished. The instruments in use at the offices of the subscribers are Blake's transmitter and Bell's hand-telephone, in connection with a Law bell—which last instrument can only be set in motion from the central office.

When it is considered that Chicago, which has the largest Telephone Exchange in the world, the subscribers numbering close upon four thousand, New York, London, Paris, and all other great commercial centres are daily increasing their telephonic communications, it can scarcely be questioned that the invention, which has in many respects revolutionised our old modes of conducting commercial transactions, will before long be in universal use. The usefulness of the system in Hongkong has already been practically demonstrated, so that its general adoption in all business houses can only be a question of time.

## TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 2nd.  
FRENCH POLITICS.

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed the Bill in conformity with a compromise, by a large majority, M. Fallieres being absent.

LONDON, February 3rd.

ARMING BRITISH MERCHANT VESSELS.  
Supplies of guns suitable for arming merchant vessels in case of need are being shipped to Bombay, Hongkong, and the Cape.

HEALTH OF THE FRENCH MINISTERS.  
MM. Duclerc and Fallieres are better.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE are informed by the Agent of the P. M. S. S. Co., that the Company's steamer *City of Peking*, from San Francisco, left Yokohama for this port yesterday.

It is remarkable that there are no Jews in Bethlehem or Nazareth. In Bethlehem, two English ladies have a girls' school, with more than thirty pupils.

A young lady of two-and-twenty years refused to marry a man of fifty, saying that he was neither one thing nor another. He was too old for a husband, and too young to hold out any hope of immediate widowhood.

"CHINESE." Gordon made a very short stay in England after his arrival from the Cape. He almost immediately left for Syria, and it is expected he will make a lengthened sojourn in the East.

A RANGOON paper tells of an elephant which, in crossing a bridge, broke the side rail and fell into the river, a height of more than twenty feet. The mahout was slightly cut about the face, but his charge appeared none the worse, and proceeded to march through the water.

SAYS THE SHANGHAI *MERCURY* OF JANUARY 29TH.—The Tientsin rowdies were tried at the Mixed Court this afternoon, before the District Magistrate, Mr. Chen, and Mr. Haas. The leader of the gang was sentenced to 400 blows, and 270 were given on the spot; all the others are to receive 100. They were taken off to the city, the leader wearing a cage. They will be detained in the city for some time, and then exported. The District Magistrate complimented the police on having captured these ruffians.

WITH reference to the new Courts of Justice recently opened in London, we note that of the nineteen Courts two will be appropriated to the Court of Appeal, under the names "Appeal Court I." and "Appeal Court II." One will be called "The Lord Chief Justice of England's Court," in which Lord Coleridge will sit. Nine Courts will be called "Queen's Bench Court I." "Queen's Bench Court II," and so on. Four will be called Chancery Courts, and similarly numbered. Two will be called "Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Courts I. and II." The remaining Court will be called "The Lord Chancellor's Court," in which, at present, Mr. Justice Pearson will sit.

IF "the honourable the Surveyor-General" has any superfluous energy to spare, we would direct his attention to the disgraceful state of the Garden Road, between St. John's Place and The Albany. If the whole of the permanent staff of the department is engaged on the Tiam white elephant, we have no doubt that His Excellency the Administrator will promptly place the services of a few more geol-birds at Mr. Price's disposal. We cannot see that there would be any greater impropriety in employing convicts on the public roads, than there is in their employment on the foundations of the new hospital. At all events, as it is the first duty of the Surveyor-General's Department to see that the roads of the colony are maintained in good order, we are entitled to demand, in the public interest, that this duty be no longer neglected.

THE leading magnates of Hongkong were never more truthfully "summed up" than by one of themselves—that one being probably the cleverest of all, as he is undoubtedly one of the most conscientious and independent. Speaking of the new Governor, this gentleman observed that he had been informed that Sir George Bowen was a man of very strong will and decided opinions, and expressed a hope that, in the best interests of the colony, such would prove to be the case. He considered that the Governor of this colony should be a man who would not allow himself to be swayed by the interested wishes of the so-called leading residents, for, he remarked, "we have plenty good people in Hongkong; but the fault is they all wish to be Governors." The history of our colony's internal troubles—both social and political—is to be found in the last half dozen pregnant words.

SAYS THE NAGASAKI *Express* of January 27th.—H.M.S. *Flying Fish* proceeded to Hongkong under sail on Wednesday last. After receiving extensive repairs she is expected to resume her surveying work on the coast of Korea early in the ensuing spring.

AT the request of a number of subscribers we have struck off a few copies of our report of last year's Hongkong Race Meeting. These handy little pamphlets, which give a full description of the various races, with times and other interesting information, may be obtained at this office, price—twenty-five cents.

THE latest number of the *Japan Punch* gives the following advice (gratis):—1.—If you wish to enjoy good health, never consult a Doctor. 2.—If you object to toothache, never go to a Dentist. 3.—If you have an ardent desire to go to Paradise, never interview a Parson. *Punch* is also of opinion that "no Republican can go to Heaven—it is a Kingdom."

THE population of Canada includes the following nationalities:—Africans, 21,394; Chinese, 4,383; Dutch, 30,412; English, 881,301; French, 1,298,929; Germans, 255,316; Icelanders, 1,009; Indians, 108,347; Irish, 957,403; Italians, 1,849; Jews, 667; Russians, 1,227; Scandinavians, 4,214; Scotch, 699,863; Spanish and Portuguese, 1,172; Swiss, 4,588; Welsh, 9,947; all others 43,587.

ACCORDING to the *Japan Mail*, considerable additions to the Osaka Arsenal are in process of construction, and both by the Army and Navy Departments warlike preparations are vigorously pushed forward. These measures are understood to be simply precautionary, their proximate cause being a feeling of uneasiness engendered by China's inexplicable attitude in Korea. If China is so ill-advised as to rush into a groundless quarrel, she will find Japan, not indeed willing, but certainly well prepared.

HOMER papers report that on December 27 one of the ablest and best-known journalists in Berlin, Dr. Heinrich Maron, shot his wife with a revolver, and then put an end to his own life with the same weapon. It is supposed that this murder and suicide were committed by mutual agreement between husband and wife. The former had fallen into a desponding state of mind, from the combined effect of adverse worldly circumstances and an overburdened brain; while the latter suffered from an incurable bodily ailment. Dr. Maron was distinguished as a political economist, and accompanied the commercial mission which, under Count Eulenburg, went to China about twenty years ago.

SAYS THE HIOGO *News* of the 23rd ult.—Although we have good reason to believe that the Postmaster-General of Hongkong is unremitting in his exertions to make his department as perfect as possible, still it is unavoidable that errors should occasionally be committed, and acts of carelessness occur from time to time among the subordinates of the office. We were shown two cases in point yesterday, where letters bearing the Hongkong post-mark of the 2nd instant only reached here on Sunday by the *Bangalore*. The person to whom one of these letters was addressed received a letter bearing the same mark a week previously. Of course, the delay was owing to some oversight in the Hongkong office, and it is just as well Mr. Lister should be made acquainted with what has occurred.

THE *Times* points out that England has interests in the Suez Canal which gain no additional security from the construction of three new passing places. "It is, perhaps, not very uncharitable to assume that such action as the Canal Company has taken has been prompted by a natural desire to forestall the schemes which have been mooted for making our road to India independent of M. de Lesseps. These schemes, however, stand precisely where they did. No matter what commercial advantages may accrue from the expenditure of the money now to be raised, the duty of the English Government to devise effective measures for the protection of interests which have been shown to be so easily assailable remains imperative. As the largest shareholder in the Canal, this country cannot wish in any way to injure its mercantile prosperity. But there are things more important than dividends; and if they cannot be secured except by extraordinary measures, such measures must be taken. If other measures fail, it is always possible to construct an alternative route from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea."

SAYS THE *JAPAN MAIL*.—Following on the footsteps of a false rumour that Admiral Yenomoto had been recalled from Peking, comes a story that China proposes to send a special Envoy to Tokyo for the purpose of demanding the surrender of the Rikuku Islands. That no such intention exists, it is of course impossible to assert, but we are at all events in a position to say that if China thinks of sending an ambassador on such an errand, her design has not yet been communicated to the Foreign Office in Tokyo. In a recent issue we explained to our readers at some length the present state of the Rikuku complication, and the situation has undergone no material change since then. It is well known that the Chinese Minister in Tokyo has more than once endeavoured to elicit some proposition from the Foreign Office; but with every desire to relieve her neighbour and herself of such a paltry source of trouble, Japan is virtually powerless. Were the dead-lock caused by a rejection of propositions put forward by her, it would of course be easy for her now to modify or remodel them. But feeling that she formally agreed, two years ago, to propositions advanced by China, and that China, having herself embodied those propositions in a treaty and appointed a day for signing it, suddenly changed her mind at the eleventh hour, it is difficult to see how Japan can do anything but wait to be told where the trouble lies. Not possessing the faculty of divination, she declines the task of finding out China's wishes, seeing that "China" is apparently unable to discover them herself.

WHAT'S a hat without a head? Captain Innes, of the Guards (usually called Jack Innes by his contemporaries), was with others getting ready for Flushing, or some of those expeditions of the beginning of the great war. His commanding officer remonstrated about the badness of his hat and recommended a new one. "Na na! bide a wee," said Jack; "whare we're ga'in faith there'll soon be mair hats nor heads."

A GASCON gentleman, sitting at table with several Romans, greatly extolled the beauty of the Garonne, the splendid river of his native province. "To hear you talk," said one of the guests, "our Tiber is a mere brook compared with your Garonne!" "The Tiber!" exclaimed the compatriot of Henry IV., "the Tiber if ever it had the impertinence to flow past the foot of my chateau, I would have it bottled."

SAYS THE SHANGHAI *Courier*.—The Chinese have a theory that a headless corpse in this world wanders about as a headless ghost in the next, and to cheat the spirits, they adopt the subterfuge of fixing a wooden head to a corpse, thinking thereby that the spirits will not know the difference. A case of this kind has lately occurred. It will be remembered that the head of the Mandarin who was murdered in Quangse Road could not be found. Search was made for it, without success, so the "comrades," who was a friend of the deceased, had a wooden head made and placed in the coffin with the body of the murdered man. This having been done, the corpses of the mandarin and his wife were yesterday removed from Quangse Road for burial.

REV. T. M.—minister of one of the country towns in Massachusetts in the last century, was an athlete, a most eloquent pupil orator, and a wit of the school of Dean Swift. He was the official wrestler concerning whom the anecdote every little while goes the rounds, who, called from his bed for the honour of the town, prostrated with ease the challenger from a distant place, and is even said to have thrown him over the fence. He was rather a worldly man, and was in the habit of letting money at rates considerably exceeding the legal 6 per cent. A deputation of the church, headed by one of its good deacons, visited him to remonstrate against the practice, which had become no light scandal. Getting wind of their visit, he received them at his door with the courtesy few could practise better than he when he chose, and led the way into his parlour. After a few minutes of conversation on indifferent topics, the delegation hastily and timidly (for they feared his sharp tongue) introduced the subject of their call; spoke of the current rumours of his receiving 12 per cent. annual interest on loans; and in the name of the church mildly protested against the habit. Mr. M.—, who had listened with attention and deference; at the close of their address inquired, "Is this all?" On being told that it was, he said:—"Brethren, be assured I will never hereafter be guilty of taking 12 per cent. interest. Set your hearts at rest on that matter." Relieved at having escaped a dreadful scene, they retired, well pleased at their success. Mr. M.— accompanied them to the door, and at parting, with gravity and dignity, said:—"Brethren, let me again assure you I will never after this take 12 per cent., for I have found I can just as easily get eighteen!"

THE Mauritius *Planters and Merchants Gazette*, referring to the appointment of Sir John Pope Hennessy to the Governorship of that colony, remarks:—"We have to record the nomination of Sir John Pope Hennessy to the Government of this colony, *vice* Sir George Bowen, who is to replace our new Governor at Hongkong. Sir George Bowen, after some months' service in Mauritius, proceeded to England on leave of absence, under some such plea as that of urgent private affairs. By having his leave extended, from time to time, by Lord Kimberley, the Colonial Minister, he succeeded in passing a couple of years in Europe—drawing first full pay, and later on half pay. A more discreditable transaction it would be difficult to conceive. The exigencies of the public service required the presence of the Governor at his seat of Government. No one could know this better than the Secretary of State and Sir George Bowen. The best interests of the public service were subordinated to private interests. It would have been far better for the colony to have presented Sir George Bowen with a lump sum, equal to the amount of salary he received during the two years he remained our absent Governor. Whatever claim he may have had on the Imperial Government, on this colony he had only that resulting from a few months' service. It would nevertheless have been to the interest of the colony to have incurred this expenditure. Sir George left his post at a juncture when measures of the greatest importance had not only to be considered but to be solved. He left the Government in the hands of gentlemen possessing but a limited experience in Colonial government. That matters have not progressed as well as they might have done need not occasion surprise. But despite reiterated protests, Sir George Bowen remained as stated, absent from his government for two years. Whether he remains the absent governor of Hongkong for a similar period, or whether he proceeds to his government there at once, or in a few months, need not here be speculated upon. Suffice it for us to know that his connection with Mauritius has ceased. The appointment of his successor, Sir J. Pope Hennessy, is viewed here with considerable apprehension. The rule here of Sir Arthur Gordon, some short time since, was disastrous to a degree, to the best interests of the colony. We have heard it stated that the general views of Sir Arthur, relative to all questions of race, are mild indeed in comparison with those of our new Governor. But as we have indicated, we are all prepared to extend a hearty welcome to Sir J. Pope Hennessy. The interests of the various races here are so blended, that those of one portion cannot be prejudicial without endangering those of the other section. All this cannot, we hope, fail to force itself upon the mind of our new Governor. But he is soon to report, to be in our midst, to see and act for himself."

SAYS THE *JAPAN MAIL* of January 20th.—The session of the Cabinet was opened by His Majesty the Emperor, in person, on the 15th instant, and since that day several conferences have been held, the chief subject of debate being understood to be the necessity of increased military preparations in view of China's uncertain attitude.

THIS "Preposterous Belt Case"—as a contemporary has well described this injudicial inquiry into the squabbles of an insignificant clique—has, says "Gil Blas" in the *Overland Mail*, reached its end at last, at all events for the present. Every effort will be made, we expect, to obtain a new trial; and that the defendant is justified in taking such a course few who have watched the reports from day to day will dispute. It has been apparent from the first that the proceedings were anything but free from bias in favour of the plaintiff; indeed, in the view of any one at all conversant with art, Sir Frederick Leighton's evidence alone was conclusive so far as regards the purely technical question involved. But the judge has laid it down that the evidence of experts is not worth as much as that of amateurs, and the jury, after the manner of its kind, has adopted the opinion. The result will cause great dissatisfaction to all but friends of Mr. Belt, for it is difficult to feel that justice has been done.

THE increase of perjury in English law courts suggests to the *Spectator* a capital story of the way in which a Danish colonial magistrate, for whose exceptional character and ability it vouches, suppressed perjury in his court. "He said nothing of his method, but an English friend seated beside him on the bench noticed that, whenever a witness told a palpable lie, he jumped. He asked the reason, and the magistrate, after a caution, revealed his secret: 'My orderly stands behind the witness, and whenever I put my left hand to my ear, that indicates that the evidence is false, and he runs a pin into him.' The 'sting of conscience' in this material form proved effectual, and the magistrate, who died honoured throughout Denmark, in three years turned an Alsatia into one of the most orderly and law-abiding of communities. He could always get the truth." But how many English magistrates are able to know exactly when witnesses perjure themselves, and is it not possible that the orderly of the worthy Dane occasionally pricked the wrong man?

THE British Admiralty is at present, says the *Army and Navy Gazette*, the laughing-stock of the whole of Europe, as much amusement has been created in foreign naval and military circles by its recent communication to the *Times* about the creation of a Secret Intelligence Department. Foreign admiralties have for years had the benefit of similarly organised departments, but they have never publicly acknowledged the fact, much less published the names of officers connected with it to the whole world. These, as a rule, travel incognito and render much useful service. British officers go abroad with a flourish of trumpets—and learn nothing. Great care is taken to prevent their gaining any information of importance. It has long been known at Pola, Vienna, Berlin, Paris, and St. Petersburg that an institution of this kind was being organised in London; and although foreign Governments are bound to acknowledge the utility of such a department, they are not a little surprised and much amused at the *naïveté* of the English Admiralty publicly acknowledging the formation of a "Bureau d'Espionnage."

A NAPLES correspondent says:—The first time that the "Barbiere di Sevilja" was produced (at the Teatro Argentino in Rome) a singular combination of comic circumstances, which in Naples would be considered as the result of the evil eye, "jettatura," aided in causing a fiasco. The theatre was unusually full of priests, and a great prejudice existed against the bold young composer who had dared to set to new music the opera of Paisiello. To add to this prejudice Rossini unfortunately wore a greenish-coloured coat, which excited a storm of laughter as soon as he appeared in the orchestra. No sooner did Almaviva (played by Garcia) commence the serenade beneath Rosina's window than all the cords of his guitar snapped with a loud twang, calling forth another burst of ominous laughter. The same thing happened to Figaro's mandolin as soon as the jolly barber attempted to touch a string. Then appeared Don Basilio, who, under the influence of the fatal "jettatura," stumbled and fell, knocking his nose against the side scene; so that on raising his white hands were stained with blood. In his pain and confusion he wiped his nose on the hem of his waistcoat, and now whistles, calls, and shouts of laughter drowned the voices of the singers, and the din of the orchestra, and poor Rossini, covered with shame, fled to hide in his own house. It is well known that the second representation of the opera was a triumph. Rossini was in bed, and was aroused by loud acclamations below his window. He was forced to rise, dress in haste, and descend into the street, and was accompanied to a festive supper by crowds of enthusiastic people carrying torches.

## SPORTING NOTES.

Notwithstanding the incessant rains of last week the racecourse is again as hard as adamant. This, however, did not prevent a lot of galloping work taking place this morning. Nearly the whole of Mr. Paul's powerful team were put through the mill. The Derby favourite Homprie, ridden by Mr. Nickalls, galloped a mile and a half in very resolute fashion, finishing in capital style, and pulling up sound. Montezuma was sent a mile, and failed to please the *signalement*, a general impression prevailing that there was a screw loose somewhere. The handsome chestnut has been generally fancied for the Wong-nei-chong Stakes, and rather expensive investments have been made on him for that race. I have no pretensions to infallibility of judgment, still my opinion may be worth something, and my opinion about Montezuma and the Wong-nei-chong Stakes is, that the dark chestnut will have to improve about three stone between now and the race day to have a one hundred to one chance of winning the half mile. A better offer than the Shanghai Derby, and Cheltenham winner, I would not desire to see; but the pony appears to have so entirely lost his dash of speed that unless he makes wonderful improvement he will be in our midst, to see and act for himself."

will be completely outpaced by such flyers as Merry Monk, Second Violin, Gang Forward and Strathpeffer.

Coming events cast their shadows before. Shamrock galloped two miles at a rattling pace, going well within himself, and finishing full of running. If Tajmahal fails to stand a preparation, the hardy brown will carry the straw jacket in the Fochow Cup, and I fancy will prove an efficient substitute for the veteran stayer. Prejudice and Newmarket galloped steadily a mile and a half, the grey coming away at his ease in the last hundred yards, and winning by six lengths. Rose was confined to trotting exercise, going in much better form than he has yet displayed in Hongkong. Sunlight, Sunshine and Kester I did not see on the course, but possibly they escaped my observation.

Rebel went a steady six furlongs gallop by himself, Opal and Lavender covering a mile, the white winning in a canter in 2.25. An interesting two mile "pow" took place between Tajmahal ("Horse" up) and the brown griffin Sunrise, with Mr. Nickalls in the saddle. The old dun galloped in greatly improved form, cantering alongside his opponent and coming down the straight pulling double-time for the full distance 4.52. Chatterbox covered half a mile in 65 seconds—last quarter a shade under 32.

Scotch Reel galloped steadily a mile and a half, moving fairly well. Pizante, by himself, strode along for about a mile, and a half at a very slow pace. Chilli, Colman accompanied by Strathilda, the old grey ridden by the most diminutive jockey I have seen in the Far East, trotted about three miles, and then galloped down the straight at full speed. Gang Forward and Second Violin finished a bout of trotting by going a "quarter" at a fast pace. Little Warlock galloped half a mile in a shade under 1.2 seconds. Bothwell cantered about five furlongs, Cutty Sark going once round at high pressure. Dauntless, Lord of the Isles, Danmyr and Allegro did a lot of trotting work, the last named afterwards galloping the length of the straight.

Several of Mr. Tasman's did healthy work, and I observed Derwent studding along with Mr. Tennant in the saddle. Ambassador, Triumph, Esperance and Satanella of Mr. St. Vincent's were on the course; but did nothing noteworthy. Ricci made his re-appearance and appeared to trot soundly enough. Hickory galloped a quarter of a mile twice at about three part speed. Pearl (late El Dorado) was sent a long steady gallop, and I should imagine he is a useless brute. First Flight strode along in magnificent form, his last quarter under 33 seconds. Several of Mr. St. Andrew's galloped at various distances, but generally at half speed. Blunder, Blas and Castagnier, both galloped, the last named in capital style. Euge was ridden by Mr. Reynell in a steady gallop, the family animal evidently being slightly defective in speed. Snail, Buggins, and Silverstreak went through the usual curriculum. Peanut (late Arabi Bey) and Blackbird were walking about in the enclosure, but did nothing, whilst Rialto and Incubus galloped very steadily for about two miles.

The latest additions to the ranks of the slain are Mr. Henry's shapely chesnut Pelham, and Mr. Kerfoot's latest Derby candidate Cobnut. The chestnut, it is supposed, all over as a result of his gallop on Saturday, whilst Cobnut's lameness is not so easily perceived. If the course continues in its present condition, owners will have to cry the coronach over several other prominent candidates before this day week.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1883.

## CRICKET.

THE "AMOI" ELEVEN v. THE CLUB.  
The return match between the team of players who represented Hongkong against Amoy last month and a Club eleven, was played on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the first named by 130 runs, a result mainly due to the deadly bowling of Travers and the wretched fielding of the Club representatives.

The Club went first to the wickets, but could make no headway against the deliveries of Travers and Rice, and were all out for "a century," of which D'Aeth contributed 38—one five; one four, four threes, four twos and singles—in slashing style. Hynes with 15 and Hodder with 14 were the only other batsmen who reached double figures. Travers bowled very well indeed, securing five wickets for 34 runs, whilst Rice's four wickets cost 49 runs.

Rice and Hawkins commenced the batting for the "Amoy" team, Wilson and Birch leading off the attack. The bowling was decidedly weak, and changes were frequent, no fewer than seven different trundlers trying their skill. Added to this the fielding was wretched all round, any number of catches being missed. Both Rice and Coxon, who scored 63 and 67 respectively, had several "lives," of which they afterwards made good use. When the ninth wicket fell the telegraph showed a total of 230 runs, and as Newington was absent, the match thus terminated in favor of the "Amoy" players by 130 runs.

The following are the scores:—

CLUB	
Mr. G. V. Dargill, c. Hawkins & Travers	0
Mr. O. J. Dorman, R.N., & Travers	0
Mr. F. Hynes, c. D'Aeth, & Rice	38
Capt. Gordon (Bath), & D. Travers	15
Mr. B. W. Hynes, c. D'Aeth & V. Rice	14
Mr. A. Wilson, R.N., & H. Hodder & Travers	11
Mr. G. D. Aeth, c. Oron, & Rice	38
Mr. E. C. Holder, R.N., & J. Hynes & Travers	14
Mr. B. Hynes, c. Travers & Rice	10
Mr. C. P. Lloyd, R.N. & B. Bunbury	7
Mr. A. Pearson, not out	67
Extras	10
Total	230

"AMOI" TEAM	
Mr. H. G. Rice & Lloyd	63
Mr. W. A. Hawkins, c. & B. Birch	11
Mr. B. L. Jones, c. Hynes & Pearson	11
Mr. G. D. Aeth, c. & D. Travers & Pearson	38
Mr. G. B. Coxon, c. & D. Travers & Pearson	67
Mr. A. K. Travers & D. Aeth & Dorman	15
Mr. Y. A. Bunbury & Hynes	11
Mr. H. St. D. J. Hynes, not out	10
Mr. A. Sadler, c. & B. Pearson	14
Mr. B. Hynes, c. Wilson & Rice	14
Mr. T. H. Hynes, c. & B. Hynes	10
Extras	10
Total	230

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**"FAUST" AT THE CITY HALL.**

The Italian Opera Company represented Gounod's famous opera "Faust" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on Saturday night to a rather limited attendance. The bitter coldness of the night and several counter attractions in connection with our forthcoming races, no doubt kept away many regular habitués of the opera, who, under other circumstances, would have been present.

However, the performance, taken as a whole, was a very creditable one, and was very well received by the audience. Signora Lubici achieved a decided success as *Margherita*, singing the florid music of this trying part with taste and general accuracy. We have heard the Jewel Song more artistically rendered, still, Signora Lubici sang this difficult *chef d'œuvre* with good effect, the shake and ascending scale showing the *artiste* to be in capital voice and full of confidence. As an actress, the *prima donna* is always earnest and conscientious, but her style is purely conventional. The *Faust* of Signor Arigoni was about the feeblest conception of the part we have ever seen. This gentleman's excellent singing is completely swamped by his glaring histrionic incapacity. As an actor he is outside the pale of criticism, whilst as a tenor vocalist he has capital claims to favorable consideration. Signor Arigoni was most successful in the beautiful "Salve Amora, casta e pura," his pure, rich voice being heard to great advantage, and the singer was deservedly applauded.

The *Mephistopheles* of Signor Lanzoni was, under all the circumstances, a very meritorious performance. The *basso* sang in capital form, and acted throughout in a most spirited fashion, his rendering being quite free from the absurd mannerisms and exaggerations which so frequently disfigure this part. We have nothing but praise for Signor Ricci, who represented the comparatively minor *clown* of *Valentino* in a style never previously seen in this colony. The popular baritone was in good voice, and sang in his usual finished and effective manner. Signora Bertolini rendered excellent service as *Marta*, whilst Signora Silini scored another legitimate success as *Stiebel*. The minor characters and chorus were, as usual, sadly deficient.

The accompaniments were admirably played by Signor Gori; but the waits between the acts were prolonged to an unnecessary length, causing a vast deal of grumbling. The stage management evidently wants seeing to. It was long past midnight before the representation terminated, a large number of the audience leaving at the end of the third act. It is to be hoped the Directorate will amend what is assuredly a serious grievance.

The performance of "Ruy Blas," advertised for to-morrow night, has been indefinitely postponed; but Signora Lubici takes a benefit on Thursday, when Verdi's "La Traviata" will be produced. We hope the accomplished *prima donna* will have a full house.

**THE NEW FLOATING FIRE ENGINE.**

The conversion of No. 1 Government steamer into a floating engine has at length become *un fait accompli*. The engine, fixed in a launch gliding in a coating of bright red paint, "Govt. Fire Engine" being displayed conspicuously in white letters on her sides, was, after having been in the hands of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company some three months, handed over to the Fire Brigade complete on Saturday, the conversion having been effected by the Company in a very creditable manner a couple of days beyond the time fixed by contract for the completion of the work. The launch is some 75 feet over all, having a beam of 12 feet, and a depth of 6 feet. She has two cabins, one fore and one aft, and the motive power, both for propelling the boat and working the pumps, is supplied by the one boiler. Our accurate morning contemporary states that after her speed had been tested, the fire extinguishing gear was set to work "etc., etc.; but we, who have ever a sacred regard for truth and accuracy, believing with Dr. Duncan that "no error is trifling, for every error displaces some truth; and not only so, but undermines all the truths that surround it, or are connected with it," take the liberty of expressing the order of things, by stating that after the fire extinguishing gear had been set to work and was found to operate in the most satisfactory manner, the launch's speed was then tested in a trial trip of about two miles, from the Dock in an easterly direction, back again, and then to Peddar's Wharf. The trial trip disclosed that she is capable of easily exceeding the contract speed of six knots. Some difficulty, however, was experienced on Saturday in keeping up steam, owing to the boiler being defective through draught, which is obstructed by the conical space in which the engine is fixed. At all events, there is greater difficulty in keeping up steam since the engine was put into the launch than before. It is thought, however, that the difficulty can be in a great measure, if not wholly, overcome by the use of good coal, that burned on Saturday having been, it appears, of an inferior description. This view would seem to be borne out by the fact that when wood was burned, the steam which had gone down gradually to 10 lbs. went up in a few minutes to 100 lbs. We hope the expectations in regard to the use of good coal will be realized, for we understand that in consequence of the engine being surrounded by the shell of the launch, there is not so free a current of air as there was before the conversion; and it is very important that steam should be kept up to at least 100 lbs. for ordinary working in the supply of the shore engines up hill in town; in this, indeed, trials of steam would be required, but in case of fire in the harbour the floating engine could go alongside the ship. As, since the enlargement of her boiler some two years ago, it takes a considerable time—about half an hour—to get up steam, Mr. Creagh, the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, has given orders to have the water in the boiler at all times kept warm with banked fires. Had the new floating engine been available when the *Caristbrook* caught fire recently, much might have been done in the way of saving the vessel, but success would have greatly depended upon the hold fire not catching the engine.

When the alarm was given at two o'clock on the morning of the burning, the fire had reached a stage which rendered thinking the *Caristbrook* a necessity, but as an earlier period she might probably have been saved by the new engine. In this latest addition to our fire extinguishing

machinery, the community has acquired a valuable engine, which may be reckoned upon to do good service, not only in case of fire in the harbour, but also at Aberdeen, Shau-ki-wan, Yau-ma-tei, the Hungnam Docks, and at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's new Sugar Refinery in course of construction at Quarry Bay, as well as at the coal godowns to be built near the water side at Kowloon by Messrs. Chater and Hughes; as an auxiliary to the shore fire brigade, she will be of great service, and we think the \$6,000 laid out on the conversion could not have been better spent. As a shore engine, she was almost useless, by reason of her great weight and unwieldiness, and when first sent out, here in 1868, her makers suited her being fixed on a barge and towed about the harbour by a steam launch. Upon the principle, we suppose, of the Spanish proverb, "If you want to beat a dog, swear he at your iron," our morning contemporary indulges in a particularly feeble side thrust at Sir John Pope Hennessy. "The desirability," says our impartial contemporary, "of having a floating engine, has been long felt, and it is only after a change of the head of the Government that this plan, which had been thrown aside for years, has been adopted." Thrown aside by whom? The question of the conversion of this very steamer into a floating engine having been under consideration since her first arrival here in 1868, what, we would ask, were Sir John Pope Hennessy's predecessors doing all the time they were here that they failed to have the conversion carried out? We learn that the matter was brought prominently to the notice of Sir Arthur Kennedy, but that he shelved the question for some reason or other, and in the *Daily Press* seeks to throw all the blame on Sir John Pope Hennessy. No doubt Mr. Marsh deserves credit for taking the matter up so energetically as he appears to have done, but whatever blame attaches to Sir John Pope Hennessy in the case, attaches equally, we hold, to his predecessors since 1868, and we very much doubt whether the question was ever brought prominently to Sir John's notice, as we understand, it was to that of Sir Arthur Kennedy. It is intended to have another trial of the new floating engine shortly with good coal, and the very existence of the launch is a little to the credit of the Canton wharf, which will be probably her permanent station, and in her coat of bright red paint, forms a conspicuous object in the harbour. The slip at Yau-ma-tei to be constructed at the New Police Station will afford her a refuge in the event of a typhoon.

**WINNING OWNERS ON THE ENGLISH TURF.**

Mr. Crawford, who was at the top of the list last year, is again first, having normally won stakes worth \$5,000, but as Mr. Crawford has the largest stock of any owner, to say nothing of a very costly breeding establishment, and as he enters his horses freely all over the country in all sorts of races, from Post Sweepstakes of 200l. each down to selling plates, it is obvious that his expenses must be enormous, and on the score of forfeits alone at least 10,000l. must be deducted from his total. Macheath, a two-year-old of his own breeding, was Mr. Crawford's most profitable horse, as he won eight races out of the eleven for which he started (and he ought to have won ten of them), worth 10,000l. Mr. Lefevre comes second, with 15,000l., just ten times the amount he won in 1881; for this rise he is principally indebted to Tristan, who won nine races worth 7,000l., and to Ladislav (winner of the Dewhurst Plate) and Hauteur (who won the Champagne, Clearwell, and other valuable stakes). Mr. Lefevre's "home-bred" two-year-olds have done badly. The Duke of Westminster is third, with 13,000l., most of which was won by Shotover, whose very existence was hardly known to the majority of racing men till within ten days of the Two Thousand. Lord Falkmouth is fourth, with 12,000l.; more than half of this was won by Dutch Oven. Lord Falkmouth's stake account at Epsom was over 500l. to the bad, and at Ascot 850l. Off his two-year-olds, Prince Maurice (brother to Dutch Oven) had thirty-four engagements, and never started. It is the same dismal story with Grandmaster (half-brother by Kingcraft to Wheel of Fortune) and his thirty-seven engagements, and with Red Rose (half-sister by Queen's Messenger to Janette), who cost 2,000l. and has won nothing. Lord Falkmouth's third yearlings, Lord Bradford has won thirteen races worth 12,000l., the principal successes being Quicklime's victories in the Grand Prix at Epsom and the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Ascot, together worth 6,000l. Mr. L. Rothschild has been fortunate with a lot of moderate horses, as he has won forty races—a larger number than any owner except Mr. Crawford—worth 11,000l. His best animal was Nellie, who deteriorated considerably after her fine race in the One Thousand. The Duke of Hamilton was twenty-four races with 9,800l., and he was certainly lucky in securing the Alexandria Plate with a moderate horse like Fiddler and the Goodwood Cup with an ex-hurdle-racer like Friday; but this last race was an arrant fluke. Lord Rosebery, third last year with 16,000l., has sunk to 9,000l. Mr. Jardine has won 9,000l., but his high-priced yearlings have not done well, and Shrewsbury, who cost 1,800l. guineas in 1880, has only succeeded in winning once, while the Hyacinth, who cost 2,000l. guineas, has won nothing. Lord Ellesmere has risen from 900l. to nearly 9,000l., his principal successes being with Wallenstein (bought out of Mr. Lorrillard's stable), Boswell (bought at the sale of Mr. Saville's stud), and Lowland Chief. Mr. R. Peck has won thirty-three races, worth 7,300l., most of them small plates, secured through the clever "placing" of very common animals. Hackness was the largest contributor, and if her "back-end" form was correct her owner was exceedingly fortunate to win the Cambridgehire with so moderate a mare. Mr. Peck's two-year-old half-sister to Kermesse, which cost 1,500l. guineas as a yearling, has never started, for one of her thirty-five engagements. Cannon, who combines training and owning with riding, and succeeds in all, has won twenty-two races, worth 6,700l., and if his two-year-old Sigmophone "trains on," he will have an excellent chance for the Derby. Mr. Leigh, who races under the supervision of Capt. Mitchell, has won 6,200l., his best winners being Gogger and Rookery; the last was one of the respective two-year-olds of the season. Col. Forester has managed to win 6,000l. by his dexterous management of some by no means smart animals. Mr. Holdsworth, after many seasons of dire misfortune, has won 5,700l., and in Adriana he perhaps owns the best two-year-old of the year; but two colts of the same age had seventy-eight engagements, and neither has started for a single race. Lord Stamford is indebted to Gehenimism for 5,000l. Countess Langrange, who won 4,000l. in 1879, has sunk to 2,000l. Prince Selkirk has fallen from 13,000l. and 10,000l. to 2,000l., and in reality must be considerably to the bad, as his two-year-olds were very heavily engaged. Mr. Lorrillard, second last year with 18,000l., has come down to 1,000l., and five of his two-year-olds began the season with 215 engagements! Their forfeits must already have amounted to at least 4,000l. Mr. Keene has 15,000l. against 11,000l. last season. Foxhall's Ascot Cup being his only notable victory, and the one-year-old brother to that celebrity has failed ignominiously. Mr. F. Gretton, with nearly forty horses in training, won only 1,300l., and was probably 15,000l. out of pocket by his stud for expenses alone; and Mr. Perkins, another enterprising speculator in high-priced yearlings, won only 2,000l.—*Overland Mail*.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

**THE BURNING OF THE CARISTBROOKE.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

Sir,—In your article of Tuesday, January 30th, on the burning of the *Caristbrook*, you state that with the exception of the crew of the *Thales* not one merchant vessel in harbour attempted to render the slightest assistance to the burning steamer. Neither was any mention made in the reports of the other two local papers, nor in the letter written to you by the chief engineer of the *Caristbrook*, of the very laudable and excellent services rendered by the officers and engineers of the P. & O. steamer *Zambesi*, who, with an Indian crew, in a quiet way pulled alongside just as the flames first appeared on deck, having in their boat a powerful fire pump, the hose of which was, within a minute after their arrival on the scene, at work on the fore deck and playing on the fire, the pump being worked in the boat alongside by their crew. By its continued playing on the woodwork about the deck, this pump succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading forward to where Capt. Scott, assisted by the officers of the *Thales*, was getting the cable ready for slipping, and I am sure that but for the *Zambesi's* pump and people no one could have remained on the fore deck until the arrival of the *Fame*, when the burning steamer was towed into shoal water.

I also notice in a "Banian's Chit-Chat" of last Saturday an unsparing condemnation of the conduct of the Chinese boat people, and of their having to be cut adrift before they would go to the assistance of the passengers on the burning steamer. I can only say, that from the swarms of native boats, large and small, that came alongside as soon as the flames appeared, it is inconceivable to me that they all required forcing. Neither, as it turned out, would any passengers' lives have been endangered had no Chinese boats gone at all, for with Lane, Crawford and Co.'s water-boat, which was alongside, the Police boats, her own boats, and those from the other vessels, they could easily have been taken off the steamer in plenty of time, as the fore part of the ship was safe for hours, and the after part entirely unharmed until she sank some four or five hours afterwards.

That credit may be given where it is due, I hope you will insert the above, and thanking you in anticipation, beg to subscribe myself,

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Hongkong, February 5th, 1883.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**

The Shire Line steamer *Merionethshire* from London, left Singapore on the morning of the 30th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 5th instant.

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The steamship *Hungarian* left Sydney for Hongkong, via Queensland Ports, on the 19th ultimo, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 12th instant.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bowen* left Sydney on the 20th ultimo, and is due here on or about the 14th instant.

The N. L. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Camorta* left Batavia on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th.

The steamer *Tennadie* left Sydney on the 3rd instant, and may be expected to arrive here about the 27th.

**HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.**

(FROM MISSES FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)

	Yesterday.	To-day.
Barometer—P.M.	30.18	30.20
Thermometer—P.M.	74.18	75.12
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	68.18	69.12
Thermometer—P.M. (Wind bulb)	50.18	51.12
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## Commercial.

## THIS DAY.

Affairs on the Stock Exchange are again rather dull. A few lines in Banks have been negotiated this morning at 189 per cent. premium *cum* new issue for cash, and also at 190 for the end of the month. There have been several inquiries for shares at 192 for March 31st, but no business has resulted. China Sugars are rather weaker with sellers at 193. Other quotations remain unchanged.

The tone of the market this afternoon as regards Banks is slightly less favorable than was the case during the morning. Some time transactions have been arranged at 190 for the end of the month and 192 for March, but not to any great extent. For cash, there are buyers at 188 and sellers at 189. Docks show further depreciation, a number of shares being on the market at 49 per cent. premium. Hotels are very firm with buyers at 126, and probably an even higher rate would be paid were there any likelihood of shares being forthcoming. China Sugars are now offered at 192½ without leading to business. Luzons are fairly firm at quotation. Marine or Fire Insurances have not been inquired after.

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Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,850 per share, buyers.  
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Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$135 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 870 per share ex div., buyers.  
Chinese Insurance Company—\$220 per share.  
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China Fire Insurance Company—\$324 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—49 per cent. premium, sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$28 per share ex div.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—130 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$126 per share, buyers.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—par. sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$192½ per share, sellers.  
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Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$115 per share.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$170 per share.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.  
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Bank Bills, on demand 3/7½  
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 3/7½  
Bank Bills, at 3 months sight 3/8½  
Credits, at 4 months sight 3/8½  
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Bank Bills, on demand 4/6  
Credits, at 4 months sight 4/7½  
**ON HONGKONG.**—Bank, T.T. 22½  
**ON SHANGHAI.**—Bank, T.T. 71½  
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**OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.**  
NEW MALWA.....per picul, 8535  
(Allowance, Tals 64.)  
OLD MALWA.....per picul, 8555  
(Allowance, Tals 8.)  
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, 8560  
NEW PATNA (second).....per chest, 8550  
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest.....8555  
NEW PATNA (bottom).....per chest, 8562½  
NEW BENGAL (without choice) per chest.....8550  
NEW PERSIAN.....per chest, 8335  
OLD PERSIAN.....per picul, 8320  
(Allowance, Tals 32.)

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

## THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER.	HONGKONG.	AMOI.	SHANGHAI.	MANILA.
Thermometer.	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Direction of Wind.	N	N	N	N
Force.	4	4	4	4
Dry Thermometer.	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Wet Thermometer.	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0
Weather.	bc	bc	bc	bc
Hourly Rain.	—	—	—	—
Quantity fallen.	—	—	—	—

Barometer, level of the sea in fathoms, tens and hundreds.—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tenths kept in the open air in a shaded situation.—Direction of Wind, is registered every two points, N, N.E., E, S.E., S, S.W., W, W.N.W., N.W., N.E., etc.—Force of Wind, is registered in fathoms, 1 to 5 being 1 to 5 miles, 6 to 10 being 6 to 10 miles, 11 to 15 being 11 to 15 miles, 16 to 20 being 16 to 20 miles, 21 to 25 being 21 to 25 miles, 26 to 30 being 26 to 30 miles, 31 to 35 being 31 to 35 miles, 36 to 40 being 36 to 40 miles, 41 to 45 being 41 to 45 miles, 46 to 50 being 46 to 50 miles, 51 to 55 being 51 to 55 miles, 56 to 60 being 56 to 60 miles, 61 to 65 being 61 to 65 miles, 66 to 70 being 66 to 70 miles, 71 to 75 being 71 to 75 miles, 76 to 80 being 76 to 80 miles, 81 to 85 being 81 to 85 miles, 86 to 90 being 86 to 90 miles, 91 to 95 being 91 to 95 miles, 96 to 100 being 96 to 100 miles, 101 to 105 being 101 to 105 miles, 106 to 110 being 106 to 110 miles, 111 to 115 being 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